

Chidinma Ukonne - Long Bio

Chiddy Ukonne is a dedicated, innovative, self-motivated and strategic thinker with the ability to execute a global vision by effectively influencing senior executives, peers and building mutually beneficial supplier relationships & partnerships. She is a thought leader capable of forging and managing high visibility projects and partner alliances

She enjoys a career in delivering legal, strategic & business solutions with an ability to drive improvement through decisive and out-of the box creative thinking. Her focus is on providing practical business and legal solutions to complex corporate, business development, operational transactions as well as distilling legal concepts that can be integrated to achieve long lasting business solutions. She has a broad-based experience in commercial, contracts and business transactions, project management, procurement, technology, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, human resources, labor relations law and strategy.

She uses a pragmatic and collaborative focused approach to negotiating and drafting complex agreements while building lasting relationships with clients, C-Suite executives, key stakeholders and cross-functional teams. In her current role, she has saved over \$20million for the organization and is responsible for consistently developing, driving and maintaining strategic communication and partnerships of high visibility, crosses functional transformational projects. She focuses her team on developing and maintaining efficient, effective, sustainable processes, understanding the evolving sophistication of business needs, and adapting project deliverables and contract negotiations to ensure they are delivering for the business.

Passionate Women's Advocate and Seasoned Global Leader

Chiddy Ukonne is a passionate women's advocate and seasoned global leader. She is fiercely passionate about empowering and connecting women in areas of professional development, personal growth, leadership and strategic collaboration. Her professional, public policy and leadership acumen has made her a highly sought after consultant, advisor and professional. Her unwavering commitment to social justice, women and girls development across the globe is exemplified through mentoring educational initiatives, focused on improving policies and processes that provide lasting impacts domestically and internationally.

Chiddy is a cultural hybrid. Born and raised in Nigeria to Nigerian parents, she spent the first 19 years of her life living in the metropolitan town of Lagos Nigeria, while visiting various countries across the world: United Kingdom, Togo, France, Germany. Her experiences growing up in a developing country shaped her interests and values to develop a unique set of skills to quickly adapt to changing environments, embrace a global perspective on tackling problems, and a deeper understanding and connection with people from diverse backgrounds. She is fluent in English and Igbo. Chiddy

learned the importance of women empowerment advocacy and leadership in her formative years, through her family's strict upbringing and core values. She also credits her high school, Queen's College, Lagos, a premier and distinguished all-girls high school in Nigeria for instilling her the values of leadership, civil engagement, and discipline in her early child development through teenage years, in various social and academic capacities, but more importantly through her student leadership "Prefect" appointment

Chiddy's passion for social justice, empowering people and communities ignited an interest in pursuing a career in law in 2010. She began her academic journey as a political science and international affairs student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in Maryland, where held various legal, judicial and leadership positions with the Baltimore City State Attorney's Office in the prosecution division, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, clerking for the Honorable Judge Russell, III and elected Student Leader Senator with the Student Government Association respectively. While in law school, she advanced her women leadership and empowerment passion and advocacy through various positions, including her fellowship in Domestic Violence, where she provided legal services to underprivileged low income women at the Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati as well as her Public Interest Law Fellowship program with the Office of Attorney General, D.C.

Chiddy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Affairs from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a Doctorate in Law Degree from University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is a recipient of the College of Law and Daniel Westerbeck scholarships. She holds an Advanced Diploma in Project Management from New York University.

In her private time, Chidinma enjoys playing dancing, golfing, reading fiction and autobiography books, swimming, travelling, cooking, playing tennis and spending time with her family. She also enjoys mentoring youth, public speaking, attending events focused on accelerating women empowerment, career development, leadership, diversity and inclusion.